

POSTAL OFFICIALS

INDICATE CARTER Representative Thought Within Law in Renting House to Uncle Sam.

Officials of the Postoffice Department do not believe Representative Charles D. Carter, of Oklahoma, is in any way violating his office as a member of Congress in continuing to rent a portion of his property in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as a postoffice.

This attitude on the part of Postoffice officials is the result of earnest endeavor on the part of some one to induce the Government to fine Representative Carter \$2,000 for alleged violation of the statutes. Complaint has been made to the Postmaster General, but the name of the complainant, whether an energetic real estate dealer or a political enemy, has not been made known.

Rented Years Ago.

Some years ago, before Representative Carter was elected to the House, he had an opportunity to lease a building of his own in Ardmore, Okla., as a post-office. He made a lease which will not expire until 1913. In the meantime his district elected him to Congress, and now somebody wants to make trouble for him. If definite action develops it will mean the raising of an important legal point.

It is strictly against the law for any member of Congress to enter into a monetary arrangement with any department of the Government service.

Statehood for Oklahoma and Congressional honors for Mr. Carter came last year. Consequently, the Oklahoma Representative is on Uncle Sam's rolls as a landlord, and is drawing \$800 per annum as such.

Law Is Specific.

The statute applying reads: "No member of or any delegate to Congress shall, directly or indirectly, undertake, execute, hold, or enjoy any contract or agreement made or entered into in behalf of the United States by any officer or person authorized to make contracts on behalf of the United States. Every person who violates this section shall be fined \$3,000."

Acting Postmaster General Granfield said today:

"I do not believe the intent of the law is that this contract should be made void because Mr. Carter happened to be subsequently elected to the House. Our lease expires in 1913. Should Mr. Carter still be a member of the House at the time it would be perfectly proper to renew the lease, but I do not feel it incumbent upon us to abrogate it now, especially since it is a most advantageous one to the Government."

STUDENTS CLASH; FIFTY ARRESTED

Armour College Undergraduates in a Free-for-All Fight.

CHICAGO, Sept. 15.—Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus, president of the Armour Institute, took steps today to prevent the annual class rush, following the sensational arrest last night of fifty or more students. After the raising of a freshman flag on a 125-foot pole, members of the freshman and sophomore classes clashed. Twenty of the freshmen were seized by fifty "sophs," and rushed to the lake front. The quarters of the Farragut Boat Club were raided, a small boat stolen and the captives carried to a deserted yacht, where they were bound hand and foot, while the waves washed over them.

A riot call was sounded, and twenty-five policemen rushed to the scene. Before they arrived other freshmen also arrived, and a general fight ensued. The police were forced to drive the boys into a deserted boat house, and use their clubs freely before they made the arrests. The captive freshmen were rescued from the yacht by members of the life-saving crew and policemen.

STANDS SEVENTEENTH AMONG POSTOFFICES

Standing seventeenth on the list of the fifty largest postoffices in the country in point of receipts, Washington, with total receipts of \$83,420.50, shows a loss for the month of August as compared to the corresponding month of last year of \$8,946.35.

The total receipts for the fifty offices for the month amounted to \$6,747,140.82, as compared to August, 1907, receipts of \$6,944,290.22, a loss of \$217,249.40, or 3.11 per cent.

THE KIND CAPTAIN.

At Portsmouth, N. H., where they were to unveil a statue to the memory of T. B. Aldrich, the painstaking writer, during an author's argument on international copyright, Thomas Nelson Page broke up a rather acrimonious discussion by deftly interposing a story.

"After all," he said, "there is not much real help in that. It is such an idea as emanated from the mind of a hard, cruel sea captain.

"In midocean the cook approached the captain timidly.

"Captain," he said, "the men are growling about the beef. They say they can't chew it. I notice they eat it only fit to mend their sea boots with."

"How much beef are you giving 'em, cook?" the captain asked.

"A pound apiece a day, sir," said the cook.

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L. O. MURRAY AT HEAD OF NEW COMMITTEE

Named by President to Inquire Into Statistics of Departments.

President Roosevelt has issued an order which was made public today, appointing an interdepartmental statistical committee to be under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and to have as chairman Lawrence O. Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department.

The purpose of the new committee, as stated in the order, is to make recommendations with a view of eliminating unnecessary duplication of work.

The committee also will make recommendations with a view to utilizing the statistical materials in one branch of Government work, with reference to the needs or aims of other branches; to make recommendations with a view of establishing uniform definitions of statistical terms; to make recommendations with a view of introducing uniform methods; to make recommendations in regard to schedules and accompanying instructions relative to any new line of statistical inquiry; to study the needs of the various bureaus and departments from time to time, and, above all, to test the results achieved, and to investigate whether they are in harmony with each other and modern statistical methods and practice, and to make recommendations regarding the preparation and the place of publication of the statistical abstract of the United States.

The full committee, as named by the President, is as follows: John Ball O'Connell, chief of the Bureau of Trade Relations, Department of State; Lawrence O. Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Maj. John T. Thompson, assistant, Ordnance Department, Department of War; H. C. Gause, private secretary to the Attorney General, Department of Justice; E. T. Bushnell, chief clerk to the First Assistant Postmaster General, Postoffice Department; F. S. Curtis, chief clerk, Department of the Navy; Clarence J. Blumhardt, statistician, reclamation service, Department of the Interior; Victor H. Olmsted, statistician and chief, Bureau of Statistics, Department of Agriculture; Oscar P. Austin, chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, and Prof. Henry C. Adams, in charge of statistics and accounts, Interstate Commerce Commission.

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MAKES AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN LIBERTY

Prisoner's Nerve Weakens at Sight of Stomach Pump—Poison Game Fails.

Having read in 'The Times' that he was wanted in Lynchburg for forgery, W. W. Inze, alias Small, who is confined in the Alexandria jail, evolved a scheme to escape. Inze's little plan failed to work, however, and he is still behind the bars.

Inze told a negro prisoner that he had taken a dose of poison. He had been given a box of powder with which to treat a cut on his leg, and had taken the powder with suicidal intent.

The other prisoner, John Dogan, promptly informed Warden Chandler of the jail, who called in a physician. The latter arrived, armed with a stomach pump. When Inze saw the doctor and the stomach pump he weakened, and declared he had only "been fooling." Officials of the jail believe Inze fixed up this little plan to get out into the corridor of the jail, and make an attempt to escape.

BOY BITTEN BY DOG.

Edward Stewart, ten years old, of 1650 Thirtieth street northwest, while coasting in a small express wagon near his home this morning, was bitten on the left arm by a dog owned by Harry Boteler, of 3110 Browns court. The boy was taken to the Georgetown University Hospital by his mother. The dog was not muzzled.

EARLY FUND GROWS

Although the appeal for contributions to the Early fund ceased a week ago, money is still coming in. Additional contributions are as follows:

Previously acknowledged.....	\$1,065.20
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Virginia and Catherine Lorr and Josephine Caldwell.....	6.00
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A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT.

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John E. and Rita M. Tuitavili, boy. Philip H. and Mary D. Schriver, girl. Sylvester and Marguerite Murphy, boy. Herbert T. and Olive H. Lipp, girl. Clarence E. and Annette L. Keefe, boy. John and Pelagia Karasinsky, boy. Edgar and Martha Green, girl. Edgar V. and Lulu E. Gishner, boy. Henry J. and Marie E. Heil, boy. John W. and Flossy Hayes, girl. Richard K. and E. E. Harvey, boy. Walter and May Down, girl. Fierino and Adolito Del Vecchio, girl.

Marriage Licenses.

George E. Shoemaker and Katie Shopper, Washington. Herman L. Minton, Alexandria, and Myrtle V. Minton, Baltimore. Louis Miller and Ida Tudor, Washington. Michael Angelina and Filippina Russo, Washington. James P. Dunwoody and Mary L. Gersman, Washington. Charles C. Hall and Hattie E. Mattern, Washington. John P. Hayden and Mae C. McNamara, Washington. George A. Shank, Buck Valley, Pa., and T. Blanche Wallace, Clearville, Pa. Simon Kellner and Rosie Randall, Washington.

Deaths.

Elizabeth M. D. T. Fallon, 81 years, 505 street northwest. Charles C. Thayer, 41 years, 1239 Thirtieth street northwest. Emma E. Alexander, 75 years, 49 M street northwest. Elizabeth Schlegel, 50 years, 452 N street northwest. Nancy J. Jenkins, 76 years, 831 McLane street northwest. Earnest J. Davis, 26 years, 1335 H street northwest. Celestine Richter, 26 years, 1329 Union street southwest. Harvey Wells, 63 years, Government Hospital for the insane.

Death notices inserted in The Washington Times will, on request, be published in the next issue of The Baltimore News or The Philadelphia Evening Times without further charge.

Born

OFFENBACHER—To Mrs. Lillian Offenbacher and Adrian P. Offenbacher, a son, Sunday, September 13, 1908. It.

Died.

BROOKS—Departed this life September 13, 1908, SAMUEL BROOKS, beloved husband of Julia Brooks. It.

BROWN—Suddenly on Saturday, September 12, 1908, at Winchester, Va., CHARLES C. BROWN, beloved father of Dr. Sara and Fairfax Brown. It.

BROWN—On Sunday, September 13, 1908, at 5:15 p. m., SARAH, beloved wife of Samuel Brown, in the sixty-fifth year of her age. It.

Sarah Brown was the wife of Samuel Brown, a pipe fitter, residing in Anacostia. Mrs. Brown was sixty-eight years old and died after a lingering illness of three years. She is survived by three sons, Henry, Albert and Vernon Brown, and one daughter, Mrs. Mary T. Ellis. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Anacostia Methodist Episcopal Church. It.

BISHOP—On Monday, September 14, 1908, at 9:45 a. m., DOROTHY, beloved wife of Augustus A. Bishop, in her sixty-fifth year. It.

COUGHLIN—On Monday, September 14, 1908, at the residence of her son, M. F. Coughlin, 1301 New Hampshire avenue, Mrs. R. M. COUGHLIN, in her seventy-ninth year. It.

DAVIS—On Sunday, September 13, 1908, at 11 p. m., of typhoid fever, at George Washington University Hospital, ERNEST J. DAVIS, in the twenty-seventh year of his age. It.

KROUSE—On Sunday, September 13, 1908, at 11:30 p. m., at his residence, 1343 26th street, RICHARD F. son of Ellen M. and the late John F. Krouse, in the forty-fourth year of his age. It.

Richard Francis Krouse was forty-four years of age and died suddenly of acute indigestion. Mr. Krouse had been a resident of Georgetown all his life, and was employed as a carpenter in that locality. He is survived by a widow, mother, Mrs. Ellen M. Krouse, one sister, Mrs. Laura Truett, and three brothers, John Krouse, Eric Krouse, and William Krouse, and Robert Krouse, both carpenters. Mr. Krouse was a member of the Catholic Church. It.

WHITNEY—On Monday, September 14, 1908, at 6:15 a. m., RUTH VINCENT, son of Hugh and Blanche C. Whitney, aged three months and eighteen days. It.

STUART—CAROLINE GIBBONS STUART, 447 F street southwest, died September 13, 1908, daughter of F. A. Stuart. It.

STUART—Departed this life September 13, 1908, CAROLINE GIBBONS STUART, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stuart, at her parents' residence, 447 F street southwest. Notice of funeral hereafter. It.

DUDLEY—On Tuesday, September 15, at 2 p. m., WILLIAM E. DUDLEY, 15 years, 1501 New Haven, Conn., papers please copy. It.

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